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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice of Allowance dated December 14, 2006 on the above-identified patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner allowed claims 33-42, 46, 48-51, and 53-55. The Examiner also issued an Examiner's Amendment and paraphrased the claimed invention as part of the stated reasons for allowance. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's Amendment or reasoning. In particular, applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

Please contact the undersigned or his associate, Stanley M. Hollenberg (Reg. No. 47,658), with any questions or comments, or if a telephone call would expedite issuance of the patent.

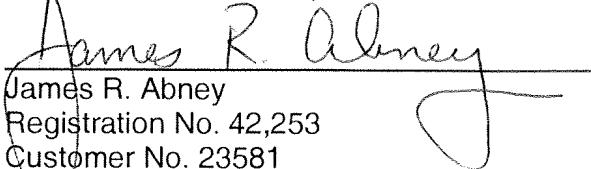
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